



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 09812.0497-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Akira NONAKA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2137  
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Application No.: 09/741,668 ) Examiner: Zachary A. Davis  
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Filed: December 19, 2000 ) Confirmation No.: 7062  
)  
For: DATA PROCESSING )  
APPARATUS, DATA )  
PROCESSING SYSTEM, AND )  
DATA PROCESSING METHOD )  
THEREFOR )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed August 23, 2006, the period for response having been extended through December 23, 2006, by a request for extension of one month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in light of the following remarks.

**Remarks** begin on page 2.